On soil dressing

"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

Tobacco growers need to consider whether a side dressing is necessary for this year's crop. In some tobacco fields, there was considerable soil movement and, therefore, a loss of nitrogen and potassium.

Making a blanket recommendation for all situations is obviously improper. Growers will need to evaluate each field, giving considerations to the amount of erosion, soil type, and kind of tobacco grown.

Tobacco on strong slopes and light soils will likely be the strongest candidates for sidedressing.

Flue cured tobacco - consider 200-300 pounds of 8-0-24.

Fire cured tobacco - consider 200 pounds of 15-0-14 (nitrate of soda-potash).

Burley tobacco - consider adding 30 to 50 pounds nitrogen and 50 to 100 pounds of potash.

When a side dressing is applied, it should be incorporated in soil by cultivation.

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The average Virginia dairy herd through May 1982 on a DHI program had a rolling herd average of 15,168 pounds.

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A tobacco field day will be held at the Southern Piedmont Center, July 29, from 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This should be an important event for tobacco growers.

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Kentucky is experiencing a serious outbreak of bluemold. Appomattox growers need to be aware that weather conditions favor the development of this disease.

All tobacco plant beds need to be destroyed. Plant beds are a common source of infection in the field.

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Soybean producers have an opportunity of participating in a referendum that will increase the check off rate from ½c per bushel to 1c per bushel.

In order to vote, a certification must be filed by July 23, 1982. On August 9, ballots will be mailed to certified voters. Ballots must be returned by September 3 to the Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Certification forms have been mailed to all soybean producers on our mailing list. If you are a producer, but failed to receive a copy, we have forms for your use.

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A quarterly publication "News" produced by Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine will be available to the general public. If you would like to be on the mailing list, let us know.

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Results of the Spring Feeder Cattle Sales shows that 20,788 steers & 9,612 heifers were marketed. Steers averaged 644 pounds, bringing $65.00, heifers averaged 545 pounds and sold for $54.22.

Lynchburg marketed 2,294 steers and 827 heifers. Steers averaged $63.65 in the first sale and $65.08 in the second sale. Heifers brought $53.88 in the first sale and $57.03 in the second sale.

Farmville sold 271 steers weighing 545 pounds for $63.93 and 219 heifers weighing 532 pounds for $52.86.

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We have had inquiries about plans for building a mechanical bean or pea sheller. We have finally received a copy and would be glad to make it available.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

Plans are finalized for next week's Holiday Lake 4-H Camp for Appomattox 4-H'ers and 4-H'ers from the City of Lynchburg. Over 200 4-H'ers will be involved in 4-H Camp this year, with an additional 30 teenage couselors and adults attending.

Congratulations to those 4-H'ers who participated in State 4-H Congress at VPI & SU last week. Among Appomattox's top state winners were David Hancock in Share-the-Fun, Kathy Parsons in Photography, Steve Cyrus in Archery, Robert Taylor in Wildlife, and Glen McClenny in the Cow-Calf program. The 4-H Soils Judging Team composed of Darrell Conner, Richard Conner, and Kenneth McClenny also placed first in State competition. Terri Nash was elected as a cabinet member from East Central District to help plan the 1982 State 4-H Congress.

4-H members who have taken the Hunter Safety Education course are eligible to enter Marlin Hunter Safety Contest sponsored by the Marlin Firearms Company. In order to enter, students may submit an essay on the subject of "What I Should Do to Preserve the Sport of Hunting." The deadline for entries is November 15, 1982. Special awards are provided by the Marlin Firearms Company for winners from each state. Special details are available from the Extension Office.

4-H sewing classes have begun this week. Additional classes will be taught during the following times: July 26-30 at the Stonewall Voting Precinct; July 12-16 at Oakville; and July 19-26 at Pamplin Elementary School. If you're interested in participating in a 4-H sewing class and have not signed up, please call the Extension Office at 352-8244.

Oakville news

Mrs. Tom Moore returned home from Virginia Baptist Hospital last Thursday after having undergone surgery and is doing fine.

Sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Lou Bryant. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. A.M. Johnson, sister of Mrs. Bryant and family and friends. Mrs. Bryant had lived with her sister, Mrs. Johnston, for many years and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Lawson Lucado entered Lynchburg General Hospital Sunday p.m. Hope for him a speedy recovery.

Relatives from this area who attended Mr. William L. Andrews' (Billy) funeral Saturday were Mrs. Alise Drinkard, Mrs. Garland Burcher, Mrs. M.A. Hunter, Mrs. Murrell Jordan (Thomas Terrace).

Mrs. Glen Daniels (Mrs. Rob Lucado's sister), who has been in the intensive care unit at the Virginia Baptist Hospital, is better and has been put in a room there. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

The sisters, Mrs. Alise Drinkard, Mrs. Charles T. Moses, Jr., Mrs. M.A. Hunter, Mrs. H.B. Smith (Lynchburg), Mrs. G.W. Taylor (Kingsport, Tenn.) on Monday, June 21, visited Mrs. L.K. Bussey in Roanoke. On Tuesday the group toured Chingua Penn Mansion & Plantation near Pineville, N.C. They returned to Mrs. Bussey's on Tuesday night, then returned to their respective homes on Wednesday.

School was held last week as scheduled. The program was presented Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Vaught complimented the pupils and teachers on a job well done.

J. ROBERT (BOB) JAMERSON, President of the Appomattox County Historical Society is shown with Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson, society member, to whom the new brochure for the Appomattox Historical Museum is dedicated. The cost of the brochure was donated by the children of Mrs. Lawson in her honor. The announcement was made at the June meeting of the society at the home of Mrs. Cecil Crawley. The program centered around the life and work of Joel Walker Sweeney. Speakers for the occasion were Charles T. Moses and Ron Wilson. A program of music was presented by 'The Piney Mountain Boys'. (Photo by Frances H. Paulette)

William Ferguson arrives for duty in Korea

Spec. 5 William D. Ferguson III, son of William D. and Edith J. Ferguson of Route 4, has arrived for duty in Taequ, South Korea.

Ferguson, a stock control specialist with the 19th Support Command, was previously assigned at Fort Lee, Va.

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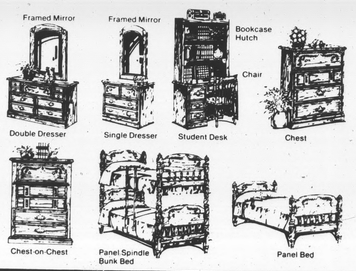

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